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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED REEXPORT OF US-ORIGIN
EQUIPMENT - DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS

REF: BELGRADE 5569

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY DESIRE TO MAKE INTER-
AGENCY TEAM VISIT MEANINGFUL IN BOTH TRADE AND STRATEGIC
EXPORT CONTROL TERMS. THE CABLE BEING SENT STADIS TO
ALLOW BOTH PROMPT REPLY AND FRANK EXPRESSION OF SOME
ASPECTS OF YUGOSLAV PROBLEM. FORMAL REPLY TO REFTEL WILL
FOLLOW AS SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

2. DEPARTMENT VIEW IS THAT INTERAGENCY TEAM SHOULD NEITHER
ENGAGE IN DEBATE NOR CONDUCT QUOTE TRIAL OF DIVERSION CASES
UNQUOTE WITH GOY. WE BELIEVE ITEMS IN PARA TWO REFTEL
ARE APPROPRIATE FOR JOINT MEETINGS. WE EXPECT DEPT.
COMMERCE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION AS SUG-
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GESTED IN PARA THREE REFTEL. TO DISCUSS CORRECTNESS OR

SOURCE OF SUCH INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IS NOT REPEAT NOT INTENDED. BASIC INFO CONTAINED IN ATTACHMENT TO STATE A-8313 DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1974 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO APPROPRIATE GOY OFFICIALS BY INTERAGENCY TEAM DURING JOINT MEETINGS. THIS TIMING SHOULD FORESTALL DEBATE ON FACTS OR ATTEMPT TO FIND GUILT OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

3. ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO FIND VIABLE BASIS TO CONTINUE TO TREAT YUGOSLAVIA AS FREE WORLD RECIPIENT OF US EXPORTS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, WITHOUT RISK TO US NATIONAL SECURITY GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNCONTROLLED OR DIVERTED EXPORTS TO OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRY DESTINATIONS. ON BASIS OF EVIDENCE AT HAND IT IS APPARENT TO US THAT BETTER INFORMATION AND END-USE CHECKING ARRANGEMENT MUST BE MADE WITH GOY IF PRESENT FREE WORLD STATUS IS TO CONTINUE. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, IT IS IN GOY'S INTEREST TO PROCEED IN DISCUSSION AS OUTLINED PARA 2 OF 5569 SOONEST. AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR THAT WEIGHS HEAVILY IS RECENTLY ENACTED EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT, WHICH GIVES THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE A STRONGER VOICE IN THE DISPOSITION OF A WIDE RANGE OF STRATEGIC EXPORT LICENSE CASES. AT MINIMUM DOD NOW HAS SCOPE FOR DELAYING EXPORT LICENSE CLEARANCES. INCLUDED WOULD BE CASES FOR YUGOSLAVIA. FAILURE OF GOY TO BE FULLY FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE IN REGARD TO ALLEGED DIVERSION SITUATIONS MAY THEREFORE PREJUDICE FUTURE US LICENSING ACTIONS. ABOVE ALL STATE IS ANXIOUS AVOID PUTTING YUGOSLAVIA IN COUNTRY GROUP QUOTE UNQUOTE. MAW

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